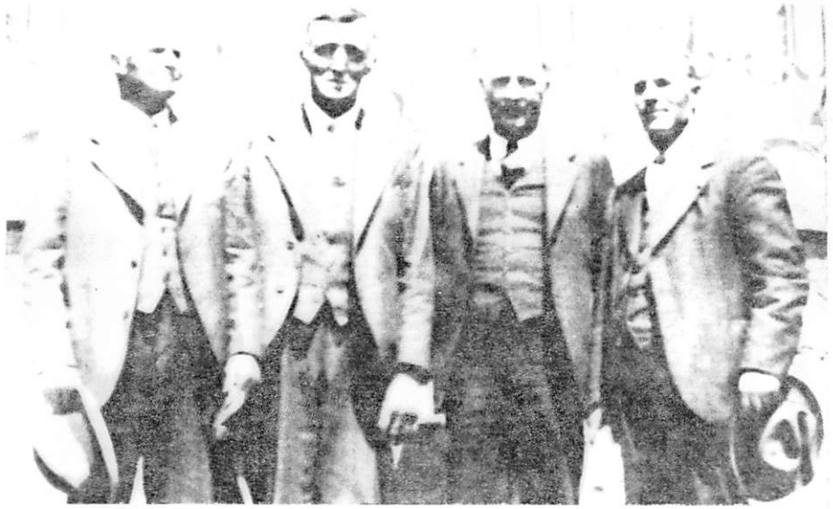
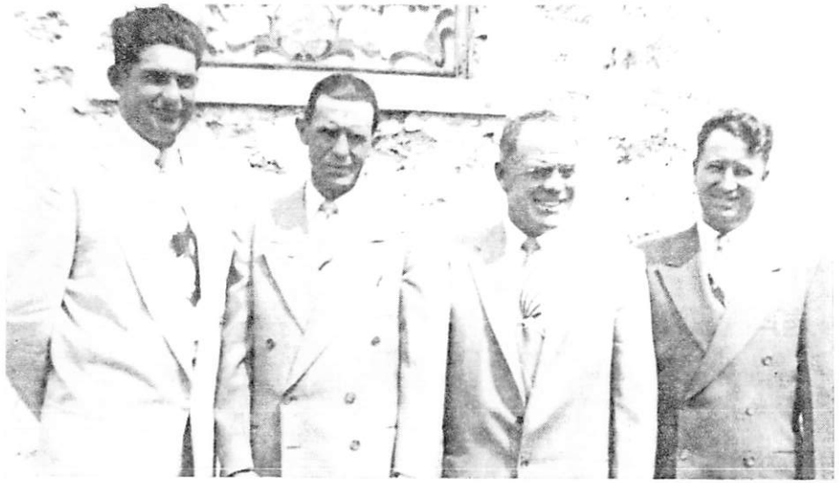
Midway 2nd Ward



Bishop Jacob Probst left, first bishop of the Midway Second Ward, was sustained February 8, 1903. Counselors and clerk serving with him at the time of his release on Sept. 1, 1935, were Fredrick Hasler, John Carroll and August Kohler.



Midway Second Ward Bishopric presently serving. Kay Probst, ward clerk; Ray Gertsch, first counselor; Bishop Elmer Kohler and Wilburn Huffaker, second counselor.

885, which became the recreation hall of the new chapel, adding many more rooms and improvements. After 16½ months of diligent work—serving of dinners, bazaars, programs, etc.—the building was dedicated July 16, 1956 at a total cost of $112,500.00. The completion of this great project in so short a time was due to the untiring efforts of Bishop Kohler who worked on the project every day. The unity and support of the people were very commendable and now a beautiful chapel stands as a monument to their efforts.

The Midway Second Ward Chapel, which incorporated portions of the original ward building. The remodeled and enlarged structure was completed in 16½ months of work and dedicated July 16, 1956.

THE WELFARE PROGRAM

About 1898 George Bonner, one of the early settlers decided a building was needed for amusements. Such building was constructed of native rock, had a stage for dramas, plays and concerts. It was heated by two potbellied stoves. It had a very fine floor for dancing. The walls echoed with laughter, and fine times were had dancing the Quadrille, the polka, and waltz. Midway had a good orchestra, and people came from far and near to enjoy the fun.

Later the Church purchased the building from Mr. Bonner, and it was used for amusements under supervision of an Amusement Committee until the erection of the Town Hall.

During the depression of the 1930's the leaders of the Church could see the necessity of some kind of a program to help people in times of dire need such as sickness, accident, work stoppage, or strikes, to say

HISTORY OF MIDWAY 2nd WARD

The Midway Second Ward, Wasatch County, consists of the saints residing in the west part of Midway being separated from the Midway 1st Ward by the street running north and southeast of the public square.

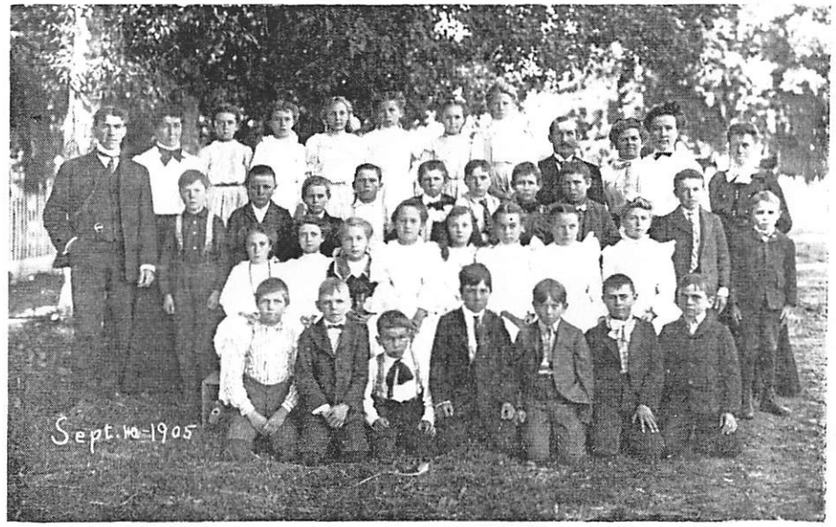
February 8, 1903 at a special evening session presided over by Apostle Mathias F. Cowley, Jacob Probst was chosen Bishop with John A. Fortie, 1st Counselor, George A. Huntington, 2nd Counselor, and John M. Huber, Ward Clerk.

November 20, 1904 John Fortie was released and James B. Wilson chosen in his place December 20, 1904.

A Children's class in the Midway Second Ward Sunday School. Sept. 10, 1905. First row, left to right, Wallburga Besendorfer, Jessie Smith, Retha Murdock, Lora Bronson, Laverna Burgener, Marguerite Alder, Thelma Van Wagoner and Edith Wilson. Second row, Victor Anderson, Wade Krebs, Karl Haney, Fawn Bronson, France Thompson, Francis Probst and Tracy Blood. Third row, Lena Burgener, teacher, Willie Durtschi, Roland Buehler, Carl Anderson, Frank Thompson, Ervin Murdock, Joseph Burgener, Reed Abplanalp, Conrad Boss and Iva Bunnell, teacher.

August 2, 1908 George A. Huntington released and Wilford Van Wagoner sustained in his place.

In 1910 Midway 2nd Ward meetinghouse was partly rebuilt and a two story addition erected and attached to the old meeting house on the rear containing three rooms. The construction of this addition cost the ward $2500. In 1914-1915 the main building was remodeled at a cost of about $8.000.



An intermediate class in the Midway Second Ward Sunday School, Sept. 10, 1905. Front row, left to right, Karl Burgener, Tipton Epperson, Frank Mitchell, Arthur Wilson, Willie Sulser, Francis Buehler, Ephraim Buehler. Second row, Beatrice Alder, Lacey Abplanalp, Zella Van Wagoner, Rachel Provost, Floris Smith, Blanche Thompson, Ida Kohler, Clara Buehler, Parley Probst, Vern Probst. Third row, Walter Buehler, Albert Kohler, Joseph Probst, Sterling Morton, Clarence Probst, Lester Blood, William Mitchel, Joseph Schoney. Fourth row, Joseph Huber and Rosa Hasler, teachers: Ida Boss, Ruby Watkins, Vera Epperson, Christina Besendorfer, Merle Burgener and Frona Krebs. Other teachers: John Burgener, Eliza L. Kohler, Leah Kohler and Ruth O'Niel.

October 28, 1917 at an evening session of stake conference James B. Wilson was released as 1st Counselor and Wilford Van Wagoner was set apart as 1st Counselor with George A. Davis as 2nd Counselor.

October 19, 1924 George A. Davis moved away. His position as 2nd Counselor was filled by Samuel S. Cluff who served until August 19, 1928. On September 30, 1928 Wilford Van Wagoner was released. Frederick Hasler and John N. Carroll were sustained as counselors.

December 31, 1930 numerical value, 372 souls.

Sunday, September 1, 1935, Bishop Jacob Probst after 32 years of efficient service was released. Nephi Probst was made Bishop with Alma Huber and LeRoy Huffaker counselors and Elmer Kohler, Ward Clerk.

Fire broke out in the furnace room in the ward chapel on October 27, 1936 and did considerable damage, but repairs were begun at once and meetings were resumed in the chapel December 6, 1936 with a complete new paint job, a new heating system and other improvements and additions.

September 15, 1937 Nephi Probst was sustained as counselor in the

The adult class of the Midway Second Ward Sunday School, Sept. 10, 1905. First row, left to right, Amos Epperson, Henry Zenger, Laurence Epperson, Arnold Burgener, David Murdock, Ernest Probst, William Mathews and son Leonard. Second row, Fredrick Hasler, Ulrich Probst, Nephi Huber, Carson O. Smith and Alma Burgener. Third row, Mary (Mayme) Culmer, Bessie Huntington, George Huntington and twins, George Ross and William Rex, Jacob Probst, Acie Provost, Myrtle Abplanalp and Leah Kohler. Fourth row, Clara Durtschi, Ida Sonderegger, Emma Sonderegger, Luella Epperson, Jane (Jennie) Greenwell, Mary Jane Abplanalp, Lunicia Mathews and Lena Keener. Officers and teachers of the Sunday School are also included in this group.

Wasatch Stake Presidency. George A. Huntington and James B. Wilson were released from the High Council. Reed Kohler was sustained as a member of the High Council.

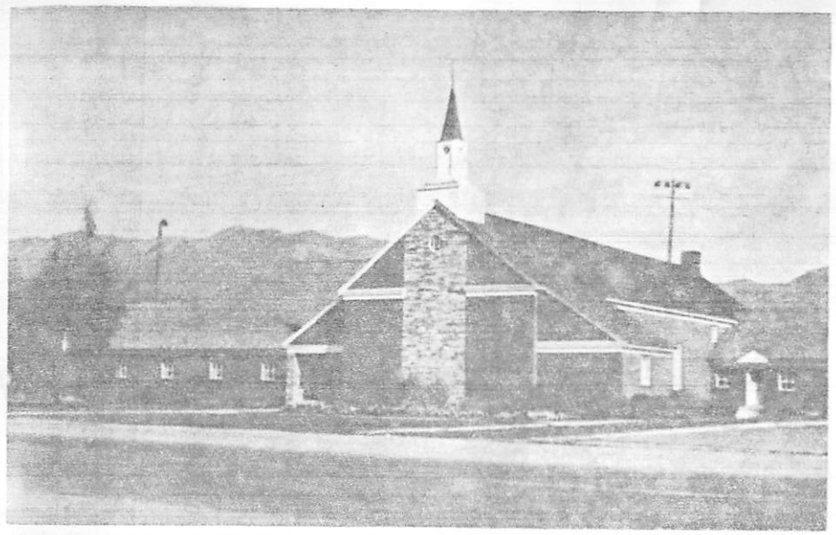
September 26, 1937 the ward was reorganized with Alma Huber, Bishop, LeRoy Huffaker, 1st Counselor, Joseph E. Probst, 2nd Counselor, and Elmer Kohler, Ward Clerk.

During October and November, 1938 changes and improvements were made in the chapel. The floor and walls were painted in the auditorium. Drapes were placed at the windows, carpets in the aisles and the seats were stained and varnished.

September, 1945 Joseph L. Jorgensen was sustained as Bishop with Elmer Kohler, 1st Counselor, Ray Gertsch, 2nd Counselor, and Wilburn Huffaker, Ward Clerk.

March 9, 1952, the ward was reorganized with Elmer Kohler, Bishop, Ray Gertsch, 1st Counselor, Wilburn Huffaker, 2nd Counselor, and Kay Probst, Ward Clerk.

March 21, 1955 a new chapel was begun by tearing down the back part of the old one and remodeling the front part which was built in



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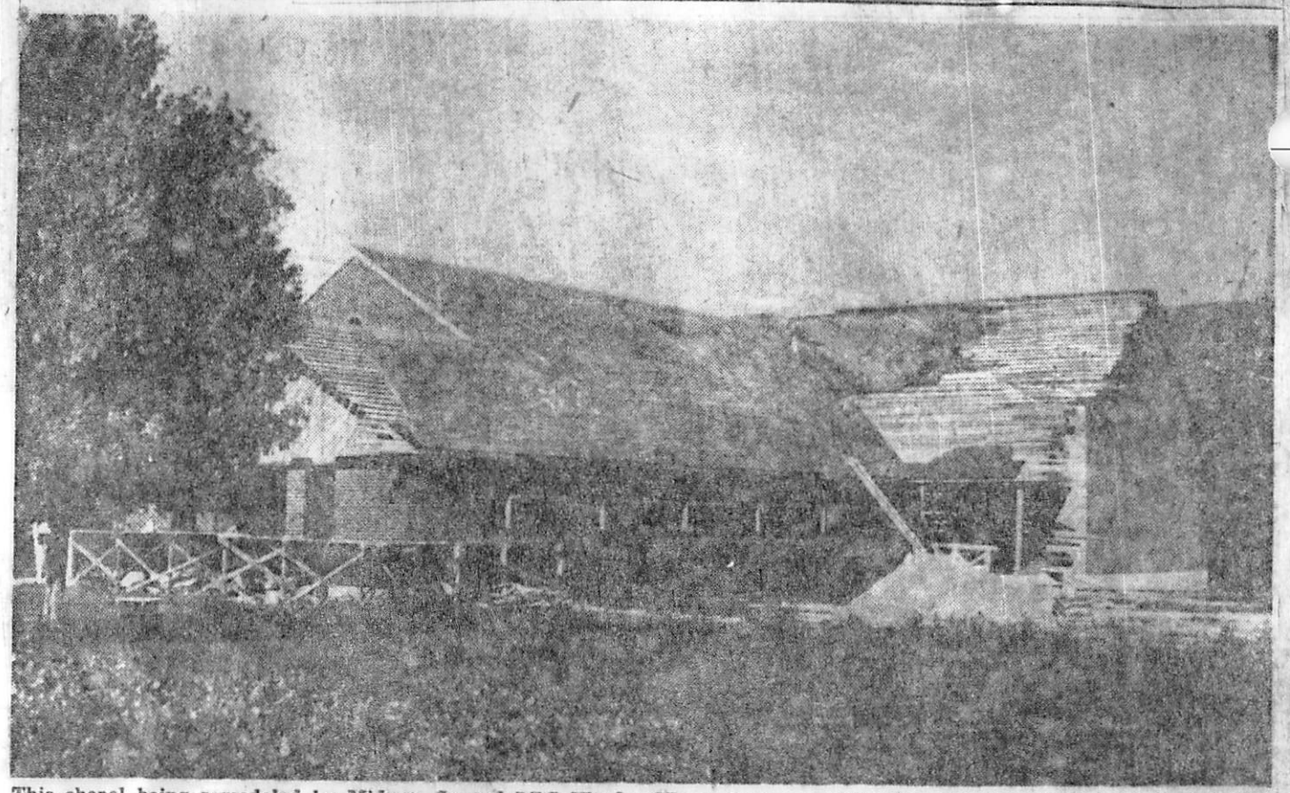

This chapel being remodeled by Midway Second LDS Ward ll receive a boost Saturday when proceeds from a Chuck Wagon barbecue at the Homestead are turned over to building fund. Program includes a parachute stunt, square dancing.

Barbecue at Midway Today Benefits LDS Chapel Fund

Special to The Tribune

MIDWAY, Wasatch County — Midway Second LDS Ward's building fund will benefit by a Chuck Wagon Barbecue slated for Saturday at The Homestead, local resort.

All proceeds from a day of swimming, horseback riding, pony riding and special barbecue luncheon will be turned over to Elmer Kohler, ward bishop, for the chapel, now undergoing extensive remodeling.

Parachutist Mel Hanson, Salt Lake City, will leap from a plane 1,000 feet above the valley floor and attempt to land near the resort's giant crater, an ancient landmark in this area. Following the stunt, scheduled for 12:30 p.m., a barbecue will be served chuck-wagon style on the front lawn of The Homestead.

A concert by the Midway Town Band, an exhibition by local square dancers and other entertainment will be featured during the afternoon. Swimming and riding will be offered at reduced prices Saturday only.

The D.U.P. of the Hawthorne camp held their annual meeting July 11 at the Luke resort, where the election of new officers for the ensuing two years were chosen. Mrs. Ruby Provost was elected Captain, with Minnie Burgener and Elda Kohler as counselors; Thelma Blood, secretary and treasurer; Nettie Bonner, chorister; [illegible] Kahler, organist; Charlotte [illegible], historian; Vivian Durtschi, [illegible] Vera Provost, chairman [illegible] Bon-[illegible], chaplain; Margaret [illegible], assistant chaplain; Emily [illegible], class leader; Mrs. [illegible] Coleman and Mrs. Emma W[illegible]tt of the Central Camp were present and a nice luncheon was served.